for hearing or for evidence could not be dealt with. That led to several witnesses summoned from distant places being kept back for days for tendering their evidence with consequent hardship and loss to them, not to speak of other inconveniences to the litigant public generally. The Member, therefore, requested that a temporary additional court might be opened at Kottarakara to work off the arrears.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

49. Desirability of shifting the Karunagapalli Munsiff's Court to Sasthancotta.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Kunnattur taluk) said that the people of Sasthancotta and the neighbouring *pakuthies* were being put to great hardship on account of the want of a Munsiff's Court there. Most of the cases filed at present in the Kunnattur Munsiff's Court were from the southern *pakuthies* of the taluk in which Sasthancotta was situated. Judging from the number of suits filed from the northern *pakuthies*, there was no justification for the location of the Munsiff's Court at Adoor. The proposal of the Member was that the Munsiff's Court at Karunagapalli should be shifted to Sasthancotta with territorial jurisdiction as defined below and the Munsiff's Court at Adoor abolished altogether :—

1. The *pakuthies* of Omallur, Pattanamthitta and Kumpazha, to be transferred from the Adoor Munsiff's Court to the jurisdiction of the Chengannur Munsiff.

2. The *pakuthies* of Pandalam Thekkekara and Palamel from the same court to be transferred to the Mavelikara Munsiff.

3. The *pakuthies* of Koduman, Vallikodu and Enathimangalam from the same court to the jurisdiction of the Kottarakara Munsiff.

4. The *pakuthies* of Karunagapalli, Kulasekarapuram and Thazhava to be transferred to the Krishnapuram Munsiff from Karunagapalli.

5. The proposed Court at Sasthancottah to have the following *pakuthies* :—

Thekkumbhagom, Chavara, Ponmana, Thevalakkara, Mynagapalli and Thodiyil from the Karunagapalli taluk and Suranad, Patinjarekkallada, Poruvazhi, Kunnattur, Pallikkal and Adoor from the Kunnattur taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

50. Desirability of shifting the Krishnapuram Munsiff's Court to Kayankulam.

Mr. K. Krishna Pillai (Member, Trading Classes, Kayankulam) submitted that his subject was an old one, having been brought to the notice of Government at several sessions of the Assembly. He reiterated the circumstances urged on previous occasions and prayed that his request might be granted.

Dewan's reply.—The High Court are against the proposal.

51. Need for the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Changanacherry.

Mr. Ouseph Domini (Member, Trading Classes, Changanacherry) thanked the Dewan for granting the long-standing request of the people of the taluk.

Rev. Fr. Thomas M. Murikal (Member, T. I. C., Changanacherry) said that he would be failing in his duty if he did not convey the grateful acknowledgments of the people of Changanacherry to Government for responding to their prayer.

Dewan's reply.—The High Court will be immediately addressed to send up their proposals for the adjustment of the territorial jurisdiction. Every endeavour will be made to start work with the re-opening of the courts after the mid-summer vacation.

52. Need for the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Todupuzha.

Mr. K. Sankara Aiyar (Member, Todupuzha taluk) explained the importance of the taluk in regard to area, revenue and population and went in detail into the hardships suffered by them for want of a Munsiff's Court. The distance from the *pakuthies* of the taluk to Muvattupuzha ranges from 13 to 30 miles. Over 700 original suits and 900 small cause suits at present filed in the Muvattupuzha Munsiff's Court were from Todupuzha. If a separate Munsiff's Court could not be

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